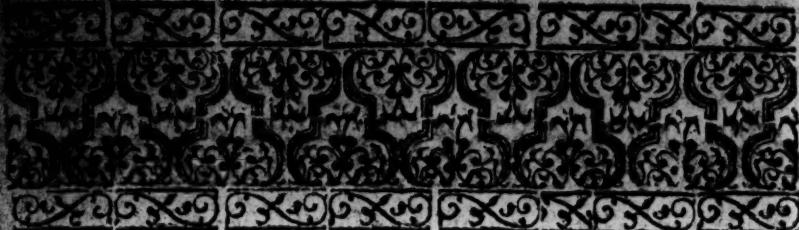


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# ARTICLES

to be inquired of,

*In the Diocesan Visitation, of the*

most Reverend Father in GOD, Toby

by the prouidence of GOD, L. Arch.

bishop of Yorke, Primate of

England, and Metropolitane.

Begunne and continued in the

yeeres of our L O R D G O D 1618,

and 1619. And in the 13. yeere of

his Graces Translation.



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*The tenor of the Oath to be mi-  
nistred to the Churchwardens  
and Sworne-men.*



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OU and euery of you shal sweare  
by Almighty God, that (all affe-  
ction and respect set aside) vpon  
due and deliberate considerati-  
on of these Articles giuen in charge, you  
shall make a true, full and particular answer  
in writing, to the same Articles and euery of  
them, presenting all and singular offences,  
and offenders therein mentioned: wherein  
you shall deale faithfully, and vprightly, as  
before God. So helpe you God in Iesus  
Christ.



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Articles to be inquired of, by the  
Church-wardens and Sworne-men in the said  
visitation of the Lo. Archbishop of Yorke.  
Anno Dom. 1619.

For the Clergie.

**I**nprimis. Whether your Parson, Vicar, Curate, or Minister be a Preacher of Gods word, and a maintainer and furtherer of Religion now established by publicke authoritie within this Realme of *England*, or no.

2. *Item.* Whether he doe in his Sermons, Lectures, and other exercises, moue the people to ioine with him in praier for the Kings Maiestie, our gratiouse Queene *Anne*, the noble Prince *Charles*, and their royll issue, with addition of such stile and title as of right doth appertaine to his Maiestie, and whether any since the 25. of September 1605. haue refused, or willingly omitted, or neglected so to doe.

3. *Item.* Whether he be a Preacher lawfully admitted, and by what authoritie. And whether your Minister or Church-wardens haue since the time aforesaid, suffered any man to preach in your Church, but such as haue first shewed their licences to preach, either from the Lord Archbishop of *Yorke*, or Bishop of the Diocesse where hee dwelleth, or one of the Vniuersities, vnder their Seale.

4. *Item.* Whether he be painfull and diligent in preaching, as also in Catechising the youth of your Parish, vpon Sundayes and Holidayes. And how many Sermons hath your Parson, Vicar, or Minister preached in his owne Church within this yeere last past. And if he be not a Preacher, how many Sermons by his procurement or otherwise haue there beeene preached this last yeere, & by whom. And whether were they that preached the same, licenced or no, and by whom.

5. *Item.* Whether any lectures be read, or Exercises vsed

within your Parish, either publikely in the Church, or priuately in any house by any not licenced therevnto by the Arch-bishop, or Bishop, or the one of the Vniuersities, or being licensed, doe refuse to conforme themselues to the Lawes, Ordinances, and Rites Ecclesiastical, established in the Church of *England*. And whether any such so reading, or exercising, doe teach or professe any doctrine of Innouation not agreeing to the Ordinances of the Church of *England*: as Papistrie, Brownisme, or any other Heresie or Schismaticall error, whereby themselues or others may be drawne from their due obedience in causes Ecclesiastical.

6. *Item.* Whether your Minister not being a Preacher, doe every Sunday, when there is no Sermon, reade some part of the Homilies set forth and appointed by publike authoritie.

7. *Item.* Whether your Common praier be read by your Minister in your Church or Chapell, distinctly and reuerently vpon all Sundaies, Holidaies, and other daies, as is prescribed in or by the booke of Common praier, without any innouation or omission, and at due and conuenient houres. And whether in like sort the Sacraments be reuerently ministred, as in and by the same booke is appointed.

8. *Item.* Whether doth your Minister vsually weare the Surplesse whilst he is saying the publike praiers, and ministring the Sacraments. And if he be a graduate, whether doth he also vpon his Surplesse weare such a Hood, as is agreeable to his degree, and such decent apparell, as by the late Constitutions are appointed.

9. *Item.* Whether doth your Minister in the administration of the Sacrament of Baptisme, vse the signe of the Crosse according to the Booke of Common praier. And whether hath he deferred or refused to baptise any Infant being in danger of death, hauing notice of the weakenesse thereof. And whether in his default hath any died without Baptisme.

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10. *Item.* Whether hath your Parson, Vicar or Curate admitted any to the holy Communion, or to be God-father or God-mother at Baptisme, being a person excommunicate, any knowne or notorious offenders, any not instructed in the principles of Religion, or any to the Communion which then were not of your parish. And whether hath he so often and at such times administered the same, as every parishioner may receiue the same at the least euery yeere thrice, whereof once at Easter, as by the Booke of Common praier is appointed.

11. *Item.* Whether hath he churched any woman after the birth of her childe begotten in Incest, Adulterie, Fornication, or maried any woman so begotten with childe without publike confession of their faults at their Churching or mariages in the presence of the Congregation, vpon some Sabbath or Festiuall day at morning praier time, leauing their further punishment to the Ordinary, or other competent Judge.

12. *Item.* Whether hath your Parson, Vicar, Curate or Minister, since the 25. of September 1605. celebrated Matrimonie without licence granted by such as haue Episcopall authoritie, except the Banes of Matrimonie were formerly published three seuerall Sundaies or Holidayes in the time of diuine seruice in the Parish Church or Chapell where the said parties then dwelt, and at any other time then betweene the houres of eight and twelve of the clocke in the fore-noone, or in any other place, then in the Church or Chapell, where one of the parties dwelt. And whether without consent of Parents, or other Gouvernours.

13. *Item.* Whether hath your Parson, Vicar, or Curate, moe Benefices or Ecclesiasticall promotions then one, and what be their names, and where is he most resiant. And if hee haue more, how is hee qualified and dispensed withall to hold the same. And how doth hee supplie his absence, whether by a Curate or Minister licenced to

Preach, or not. And if he be, then by whom is he licenced. And what distribution doth he make thereby to the poore, where he is not resident.

14. *Item.* Whether doth your Minister or Curate serue any moe Cures then one ; and if so, then what other Cure doth he serue.

15. *Item.* Whether doth your Parson, Vicar or Curate according to an act of Parliament in that behalfe made, call vpon and require the people of his parish to solemnize and keepe holy the fift day of Nouember, and that day doe come to the Church to ioyne in praiers and thankesgiuing for the happie deliuerance of his Maiestie, the Queene, Prince, and States of Parliament from the most traiterous and bloody intended massacre by Gunpowder, and whether doe the people of your parish accordingly repaire to the Church, or doe any refuse or neglect so to doe, present their names and Sur-names.

16. *Item.* Whether doth he carefully visit the sickle of his parish by exhorting and ministring vnto them, as by the Booke of Common praier is appointed. And whether doth he attend the buriall of the dead by meeting the Corpes at the Church-stile, & so accompany the same to the Church or Graue, saying or singing such places of Scripture as are appointed by the said Booke.

17. *Item.* Whether is your Minister suspected or defamed to haue obtained his Benefice by Symonie, or reputed to be an incontinent person, or keepeth any woman in his house suspected of incontinencie, or to bee a common Drunkard, or a common gamester or plaier at Dice, or doth keepe or suffer to be kept any Ale-house in his Parsonage, or Vicarage house, or faultie in any other crime punishable by the Ecclesiasticall censures, whereby he is offensive to his Ministerie and calling.

18. *Item.* Whether your Minister, Church-wardens and others, for the retaining of the circuit of your parish by perambulations as hath beene prescribed, doe vse the same without

without superstition, or popish Ceremonie.

19. *Item.* Whether doth your Parson or Vicar main-taine and keepe in due reparations the mansion-houses and other Edifices belonging to their Ecclesiasticall livings, without suffering them to fall into ruine and decay.

20. *Item.* Whether doth your Minister every Sunday according to the Booke of Common praier, make knowne to the people what holidayes and fasting dayes are in the weeke following.

21. *Item.* Whether your Minister being a Preacher, of-fer quiet and temperate conference to Popish Recusants : and endeuour diligently to reclaime them from their er-tors. And whether they or any of them refuse such confe-rence offered vnto them by your said Minister, or other Preacher, and what be their names and surnames.

22. *Item.* Whether any Bishop, Chancellor, Arch-dea-con, Commissarie, Officiall, or other Judge or Officer Ecclesiasticall for any composition, agreement or payment of any summe of money, haue suppressed and concealed the excommunication or other Ecclesiasticall censure, of or a-gainst any Popish recusant or other offender. And what summe of money or other consideration hath beene pro-mised or receiued in that behalfe to your knowledge, or as you haue heard reported.

23. *Item.* Whether doth your Minister euery halfe yeere once denounce in your parish, all such parishioners as doe remaine excommunicate and seek not to be absolued. And how long hath any excommunicate person continued vnder the censure thereof, and admitted into the Church without a certificate of his absolution from the Ordinary.

24. *Item.* Whether hath your Minister publikely in your Parish Church or Chapell once euery yeere read ouer the Constitutions and Canons Ecclesiasticall agreed vpon by the Clergie of both Prouinces, *Anno Domini 1603.* accor-ding to his Majesties commandement.

## ¶ For the Laity.

25. *Item.* Whether you haue in your Parish-Church  
or Chapell all things necessary and requisite for  
Common praier and administration of the Sacraments: As  
the booke of Common praier with the new Kalender: The  
English Bible of the new Translation in the largest volume:  
Two Psalters: Two booke of Homilies: A decent Bap-  
tisterie or Font: A Table of the 10. Commandements: A  
conuenient seat for the Minister to reade seruice in: A  
comely and decent Pulpit with Cloth and Cushion for the  
same: A comely Communion Table, with a faire linnen  
cloth to lay vpon the same, and some couering of silke,  
buckram, or other such like for the cleane keeping thereof:  
A faire and comely Communion cup of siluer, with a siluer  
couer, such as may serue for ministracion of the holy Com-  
munion: A decent large Surplesse with sleeves: A Chest  
or box for the poore: And the said booke of Constitutions  
and Canons Ecclesiasticall.

26. *Item.* Whether the body of your Church and Cha-  
pell, with the Chancell be well and sufficiently repaired,  
and kept without prophanation or abuse any way. And if  
decaid or prophaned, through whose default: And whether  
your bels and stals in the same be well maintained, your  
Church-yard well walled or fenced, and decently kept: and  
if the same in any part be decaied, through whose default.

27. *Item.* Whether any Almes-house, Hospital, Schoole  
or Spittell within your Parish be well and godly vsed, ac-  
cording to the foundation and true intent of the Founders  
thereof. And whether any pension or stipend due to any  
of them be detained, and by whom.

28. *Item.* Whether the Baptristerie or Font be remoued  
from the vsuall place; or whether any persons leauing the  
vse thereof, doe baptize children in basons or other vessels  
not vsed in the Church, or whether any children bee  
baptized or Christened in priuate houses, otherwise then

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In cases of necessitie, and by a lawfull Minister: and if yea, then whose children were they, and by whom were they baptised. And whether such so baptised, were afterwards brought to the Church for further manifestation and approbation thereof, according to the Booke of Common Prayer?

29. Item. Whether are there any person or persons inhabiting or sojourning within your parish or Chappelrie that be notorious Recusants, or which negligently or seldome cometh your Church or Chappell, vpon Sabbaths or Feastiuall dayes, and who be they, and what be their names and surnames, and with whom haue they sojourned, and how long haue they so continued, and of what estate, age, condition or degree they are of, and whether there be any within your said parish or Chappelrie aboue the age of 16. yeares, which do not yearly communicate thrise at the least, whereof once at Easter, and who be they?

30. Item. Whether are there any resiant within your parish who haue beeene convicted of Recusancie, which haue conformed themselues, and not receiued the Sacrament of the Lords Supper within one whole yeere after the conformatie, and for how many yeeres haue they not received the same, & what be their names and surnames?

31. Item. Whether are there within your parish any Popish Recusants, of bold, insolent, and offensive behaviour, which presume to seduce and withdraw others, either in their owne families or elsewhere, from the true Religion now established, or from due obedience to his Maiestie; or which make speciall choise of Recusants to be their servants?

32. Item. Whether do your Minister, Church-wardens, Questioners and Assistants yearly within 40. dayes after Easter exhibit to the Bishop or his Chancellor according to the 22. Canon, the names and surnames of all the Parishioners as well men as women, which being of the age of 16. yeares, received not the Communion at Easter before.

23. Item. Whether the Youth of your parish doe diligently reapeare to your Church or Chappell upon Saboths, and Holidais to be Catechised. And if not in whose de-  
fault, Canon. 59.

24. Item. Whether any doe go out of the Church or Chappell, or doe vse talking, walking, or sleeping, or any other vnsseemely offences, or other vneuerent behaviour in the time of publike prayer, preaching, celebration of the Sacraments, or catechising, and who are they and whi-

25. Item. Whether there bee any which priuately or publiquely by speech or otherwise deprauce any part of the true Religion established within this Realme, or the Ministers or Professors therof: or whether any Lectures, con-  
venticles or priuate exercises be read or vsed within your parish either in the Church, or in any house. And whe-  
ther any such Reader do teach any doctrine of instruction, to with-draw the people from their due obedience to the ordinances of the Church set forth by publike autheritic, or to cause them to forbear to participate in prayers, or Sacraments with our Church.

26. Item. Whether haue you any Schoole-maister, who teacheth either publiquely or priuately within your said parish or Chappell not being lawfully licensed therunto by writing vnderseale, & how long hath he there taught? And whether doth he teach the booke intituled God and the King according to his Majesties proclamation.

27. Item. Whether any within your parish or Chappel-  
tic do suffer any to eat, drinke, play, iangle or talk in their house or yard. Or any Butcher or Fradts-maister have their windowes to be kept open to sell meate, drinke or wares on Sundaies in time of morning & euening prayers, Sermons Lectures, or Chatechising: or any that labouer or work on the Saboths or other commended Restauers dayes to the hinderance of prayers, Sermons, or other godly exercises.

28. Item. Whether any within your parish, do chide, bawle, quarrell or fight within your Church or Church-  
yard,

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yard, what are their names and surnames and who be the same. And whether any of them haue drawne any weapon there, with purpose to strike with the same?

39. *Item.* Whether are there within your said parish or chappelrie, any rush bearing, bull-baytings, beare-baitings, may-games, morice-dances, ailes or any such like profane pastimes or assemblies on the sabbath to the hindrance of prayers, sermons, or other godly exercises?

40. *Item.* Whether there bee any within your parish, who haue behaued themselues rudely or disorderly in your Church or Chappell, or which by vntimely ringing of Bells; by walking, talking, or otherwise haue hindred the Minister or Preacher?

41. *Item.* Whether be there any within your parish or chappelrie that vse to ring the bells superstitiously vpon any abrogated Holy-dais or the Eauens thereof: And whether is the passing bell tolled when any christian body is sicke & like to die, as it ought to be. And after the death of any whether there be any superstitious ringing, superstitious burning of candles ouer the Corse in the day-time, after it be light. Or praying for the dead at crosses or places where crosses haue bin, in the way to the church, or any other superstitious vse of crosses with towels, palmes, metwands, or other memories of Idolatrie at burials, or superstitiously do go on Pilgriimages, or any places dedicated to our Lady, or any Saints, or otherwise?

42. *Item.* Whether are you prouided of a Parchment booke, in which haue been and are written the name of all children, men, and women Baptised, Married, or Buried within your parish, contained in your former Register booke, and since the beginning of the reigne of the late Queen Elizabeth. And whether the day and yeere of every christning, wedding and buriall which haue beene in your parish hath beene duely written in the booke. And whether you haue a sure coffer with three locks and keyes for the safe custody thereof?

43. *Item.* Whether is there placed by your Register, two tables containing the severall rates and summes of all fees due to the Judge and other Officers of your Court, one in the vsual place or Conistorie where the Court is kept, and the other in his Regestrie in such sort, as every man may come to view the same without difficultie: And whether your Chancellor, Arch-deacon or any other Officer or Minister doe exact or extort any greater fees or summes of money, then in the said Tables are contained and if so, let the same be expressed?

44. *Item.* Whether are there or haue beeene since his Maiesties most happie Reigne ouer this Kingdome, within your Parish or Chappelrie any incestuous persons, Adulterers or Fornicators. Or since the 25. of September 1605. any Vsurers, Drunkards, Swearers, or any other who are vehemently suspected or defamed of any such crime, and who be they?

45. *Item.* Whether within your Parish or Chappelrie are there, or haue been since his Maiesties so happy reigne, any persons hauing two wiues, or any Woman two husbands, or any married within the degrees forbidden, or without Banes three severall Sundaies or Holidaies first published, or in the time by law prohibited, without lawfull licence thereunto by such as haue Episcopall authoritie, or any who haue had carnall knowledge together before their marriage, or that are vehemently suspected thereof, and who they be?

46. *Item.* Whether haue any been priuately married together within your Parish by any vnowne Priest or Minister, or any who haue not procured their children to be publikely baptised in your said Church or Chappell according to the Booke of Common praier, & who they be?

47. *Item.* Whether any within your Parish or Chappelrie haue harboured any women begotten with childe forth of lawfull Matrimonie, and haue suffered them to depart away vnpunished. Or any who do harbeur or receue any

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any obnoxious Recusants or excommunicated persons, and what &c how many Recusants or persons excommunicate bee there within your said Parish or Chappelrie, and how long haue they so remained and for what causes they were so excommunicate ?

48. *Item.* Whether any of your Parish, do refuse to contribute towards the reparation of your Church or Chappell or towards the prouision of any necessarie ornaments therin, or that refuse to pay your Curate or Parish Clerke his wages, or other vsuall duties, and who they be ?

49. *Item.* Whether the Church-wardens and Side-men be chosen according to the 89. and 90. Canons, and during their time haue faithfully & dutifullie discharged their Office, and at or before their going out of the same, made a iust account of their receipts and proceedings to the vse of the Church. And whether any part of your Church stock or any other thing giuen to any godly publike vse, be delivered to any, or otherwise employed, then appertaineth ?

50. *Item.* Whether your parish Clerke be dutifull and diligent in attending the Minister, and of sufficiency to discharge his place or not ?

51. *Item.* Whether any within your parish or Chappelrie do occupy or intermeddle with the goods or cattels of any deceased person whatsoever, whose Will, if any such be is not lawfully approued, or dying Intestate, the Administration thereof not lawfully granted and who they be ?

52. *Item.* Whether your Arch-deacon his Officiall or Deputy, or any other exercising Ecclesiastical Iurisdiction within this Diocesse in places exempt or not exempt other then the Chancellor of the said Diocesse, especially since the 25. of September 1605. haue taken vpon them to grant any licence for marriages within your parish : And how many licences haue beeene so granted, and what be the names of them that haue bin married by vertue of any such licence, & by what Minister haue the same bin celebrated ?

53. *Item.* Whether the said Arch-deacon or others as aforesaid

aforsaid haue since the 25. day of September 1605, censured, or absolued any person or persons which haue by law incurred the sentence of Excommunication *ipso facto*, either for solemnizing or being present at any marriages the banes not asked, nor any lawfull licence obtained, or for fighting, quarrelling or brawling, or drawing any weapon with purpose to strike in any Church or Church-yard?

54. *Item.* Whether the said Arch-deacon or others as aforesaid haue since the said 25. day of September 1605, granted any admissions for Curates, licences for Schoole-masters or Parish Clerkes, sequestrations of vacant Benefices by their supposed authoritie, and how many and to whom and what be their names?

55. *Item.* Whether haue they or any of them commuted any corporall punishment for any sum of money and what be their names whose punishment haue beeene commuted, for what offence, by whom and for what summe of money, and how hath the said money beeene imploied?

56. And lastly whether is there within your said Parish or Chappelrie any Offender or Offendors in any other crime against the said Canons and Constitutions and other lawes Ecclesiasticall not expressly conteined in any of these Articles, whose reformation may be had by Ecclesiasticall authoritie, and who and what the same are?

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